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FREE COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS HELP SAVE HISTORIC PLACES
Workshop will be held on 4 islands from April through July, 2015

HONOLULU: Historic Hawai'i Foundation (HHF) will offer a series of five community workshops on how to nominate historic properties to the Hawai'i State and National Registers of Historic Places.

“Historic sites are under increasing pressure and stress across all the islands,” said Kiersten Faulkner, executive director. “One way that home owners and community members can protect the history, culture and identity of special places is to ensure they are identified before it is too late. The workshops help empower community members formally designate historic properties to make certain that significant places have the recognition they deserve.”

The Hawai'i Register of Historic Places is a state program under the Department of Land and Natural Resources. It is the state's official list of historic properties that are worthy of preservation, and it is meant to reflect the fullness of Hawaii's history. The National Register of Historic Places is a similar program at the federal level, and the list is kept by the National Park Service.

“The nomination, review and approval process is highly standardized and methodical,” Faulkner said. “The high standards ensure that the historic research and descriptions are accurate, and that all properties on the historic register meet criteria for designation. The process can be daunting, so we developed the workshop and guide to help regular people understand what is needed.”

Once designated as a historic site, a property is recognized for its association with the history of Hawaii in one or more of the areas of history, architecture, archaeology or culture.

Responsibilities of historic designation include a commitment to help retain the historic character, with sensitive and thoughtful rehabilitation as may be needed for contemporary use. Historic designation is also a pre-requisite to qualify for certain federal tax credits or property tax exemptions.

The workshops will address the criteria, standards and process for nominating a property to the historic register, and will provide professional experts to discuss property research, completing the nomination form, and the benefits and responsibilities that come with designation.

The workshops will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the following dates and locations:

- April 17: Lihu'e Public Library, 4344 Hardy Street, Līhu'e;
- May 15: J. Walter Cameron Center, 95 Mahalani Street, Wailuku;
- June 18: Royal Kona Resort, 75-5852 Ali'i Drive, Kailua-Kona;
- June 19: Lyman Museum, 276 Haili Road, Hilo; and
- July 24: ILWU Union Hall, 849 'Ilima Avenue, Lāna'i City.

A workshop in Honolulu will be scheduled later in the summer. The seminar is approved for 2 AIA/CES LUs HSW and has been submitted for 2 AICP CM credits.

The 3-hour workshops feature instructors from Historic Hawai'i Foundation, preservation architectural firms and the State Historic Preservation Division. They will provide attendees with a chance to learn the basic process to complete a nomination to the Hawai'i and National Register of Historic Places. Topics covered include: evaluating eligibility for the register; the benefits and responsibilities of designation; completing the nomination form; and the roles of the various commissions and boards in the nomination process.

The content is directed toward individuals, organizations and professionals wanting to list a site on the historic register as well as those who will benefit from an understanding of the nomination

process and nomination form including planners, cultural resource staff, county officials, elected officials, architects, historians, real estate professionals who deal with historic properties, contractors and local citizens who care about preserving these sites.

Funding for the workshops is provided by the State Historic Preservation Division, Cooke Foundation, and Historic Hawaii Foundation.

The workshops are free and open to the public. Pre-registration is required. Information and online registration is available at www.historichawaii.org. Questions about the workshop may be directed to Historic Hawai'i Foundation at 523-2900 or megan@historichawaii.org

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Historic Hawai'i Foundation (HHF) is a statewide non-profit organization that encourages the preservation of historic buildings, sites, communities and objects relating to the history of Hawai'i. Founded in 1974, Historic Hawai'i Foundation has become the driving force behind historic preservation in the state through its core programs of developing a community ethic of historic preservation, supporting smart legislation, and providing technical assistance to make preservation accessible. www.historichawaii.org

Hawai'i's State Historic Preservation Division (SHPD) is a government agency presided over by the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR). SHPD works to preserve and sustain reminders of earlier times which link the past to the present via its three branches, History and Culture, Archaeology, and Architecture. The Burial Sites Program, Certified Local Government Program, Historic Preserves Program, maintenance of the Hawai'i and National Register of Historic Places, SHPD's Information and Education Program, and Inter-agency Archaeological Services, are designed to promote the use and maintenance of historic properties for the education, inspiration, pleasure and enrichment of Hawai'i's citizens and visitors
<http://www.dlnr.hawaii.gov/shpd>